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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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c/o Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT 11-65 Proceeding

Dear Commissioners:

We have a saying in Petersburg, Texas, a motto of sorts: Pride, Possibilities, Positively Petersburg. It captures the very essence that our small community in southeast Hale County lives, works and breathes each day.

It's also a fair assessment of the way we view the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.


Pride, in that this merger and advanced wireless technology can deliver a renewed sense of optimism and confidence to rural communities as we gain connectivity and enhanced service quality in wireless communications.

Possibilities, in that this merger bringing expanded mobile broadband access, which greatly expands business opportunities, enhances our quality of life, makes health care more accessible and opens the door to more learning options for our youngest and oldest residents alike.

Positively Petersburg, in that more broadband access means our farming and ranching community built on the rail lines of generations ago will enjoy a renewed sense of purpose and hope for the opportunities that lie ahead.

By bringing wireless broadband to 55 million more Americans – including the 1,200 residents of Petersburg – this merger has the capability to do more than good, it's a great American success story. I hope you concur and approve the merger swiftly.

Sincerely,


Bob Pierson
Mayor
City of Petersburg

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